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By the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty, Guardian of the Realm of Great Britain, &c.

A PROCLAMATION,

For putting in Execution the Laws made againſt Perſons guilty of any Murder or Robbery in any Street, Highway, Road, Paſſage, Field, or open Place, in the Cities of London *or* Weſtminſter, *or within Five Miles of the ſame, and for diſcovering and apprehending ſuch Offenders.*

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WHereas by an Act paſſed in the Fourth and Fifth Year of the Reign of their late Majeſties King William and Queen Mary, intituled, *An Act for the encouraging the apprehending of Highway-men*, it is (amongſt other things) enacted, That from and after the Five and twentieth Day of March, One thouſand ſix hundred ninety and three, all and every Perſon and Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take one or more Thieves or Robbers on the Highway, and proſecute him or them ſo apprehended and taken, until he or they be convicted of any Robbery committed in or upon any Highway, Paſſage, Field, or open Place, ſhall have and receive from the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where ſuch Robbery and Conviction ſhall be made and done, without paying any Fee for the ſame, for every ſuch Offender, ſo convicted, the Sum of Forty Pounds, and alſo ſhall have and enjoy to his or their Uſe and Behoof, the Horſe, Furniture, and Arms, Money, or other Goods of the ſaid Robber or Robbers ſo convicted, which ſhall be taken with him or them; but with a ſaving of the Right of ſuch Perſon or Perſons from whom the ſame were before feloniouſly taken: And whereas his Majeſty by his Royal Proclamation iſſued the Twenty ninth Day of February, in the Firſt Year of his Reign, intituled, *A Proclamation for diſcovering and apprehending Perſons guilty of any Murder or Robbery in the Streets of* London *or* Weſtminſter, *or in any Street or Highway within Five Miles of the ſame*, was graciouſly pleaſed to promiſe and declare, That any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhould diſcover and apprehend any Offender, who had, at any time within three Months then laſt paſt, committed, or then after ſhould commit, any Murder whatſoever, or any Robbery with open Force and Violence, in any Street or other Highway or Road in the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or within Five Miles round the ſame, ſo as ſuch Offender ſhould be convicted of the ſaid Offences, or any of them, ſhould have and receive for every ſuch Offender ſo apprehended and convicted, as aforeſaid, the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling, over and above all other Rewards, to which ſuch Perſon or Perſons might by any Act of Parliament be entitled, which ſaid Sum of One hundred Pounds for every Offender ſo apprehended and convicted, as aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, or the High Treaſurer of *Great Britain* for the Time being, were thereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf: And whereas by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Seventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Puniſhment of Aſſaults with Intent to commit Robbery*, it is enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, from and after the Firſt Day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty four, ſhall, with any offenſive Weapon or Inſtrument, unlawfully and maliciouſly aſſault, or ſhall, by Menaces, or in or by any forcible or violent Manner, demand any Money, Goods, or Chattels, of or from any other Perſon or Perſons, with a felonious Intent to rob or commit Robbery upon ſuch Perſon or Perſons, that then and in every ſuch Caſe all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall be and be adjudged guilty of Felony, and every ſuch Offender and Offenders ſhall be ſubject and liable to be tranſported, as in Caſes of Felony, and the Courts by and before whom he, ſhe, or they ſhall be tried and convicted, ſhall have full Power and Authority of tranſporting ſuch Offenders for the Space of ſeven Years, upon the like Terms and Conditions, and by the ſame Ways and Means, and in the like Manner, as other Felons may or are to be tranſported to any of his Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations in *America*, by Force or Virtue of any Law for that Purpoſe then in being: And whereas notwithſtanding we have received Information that frequent Murders, Robberies, and other Outrages have of late been committed with open Force and Violence upon his Majeſty's good Subjects paſſing and repaſſing in the publick Streets, Roads, and other Places in or near the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, to the great Annoyance of his Majeſty's peaceable Subjects, and in Defiance of the Laws of this Kingdom, We therefore, out of a tender Concern for the Lives and Properties of his Majeſty's loving Subjects, and in order, if poſſible, for the future to prevent ſuch wicked and deteſtable Practices, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majeſty's Privy Council, to iſſue this Proclamation, and do hereby ſtrictly command, that the ſaid Laws, and all other Laws made for the Prevention and Puniſhment of Offences of this Sort, be duly put in Execution; and We do hereby ſtrictly command and require all his Majeſty's Juſtices, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and Civil Officers whatſoever, and all other his loving Subjects, that they do uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to diſcover and apprehend all ſuch Perſons as have been or ſhall be guilty of the Offences before mentioned, and that they do effectually put the ſaid Laws in Execution; and for the Encouragement of all Perſons to be diligent in endeavouring to diſcover and apprehend all ſuch Offenders, We do hereby promiſe and declare, That any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall diſcover and apprehend any Offender, who hath at any time within Three Months laſt